GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Village Courts.

READ—

Letter No. P. 32, dated 9th October 1931, from the Registrar, High Court, forwarding a copy of the brief review on the working of the Village Munsiffs' Courts during the year 1930-31.

ORDER No. P. 2573-82—CTS. 78-31-2, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. Out of 190 courts in existence, it is observed that only 90 courts tried cases. No suits were filed in 100 courts and 19 courts did not do any work even though some suits were pending on their file. The reasons for the dormant condition of so many courts require investigation and it is hoped that the Deputy Commissioners who are reported to be examining the question of improving the village courts or abolishing such of the courts as cannot be brought into working order, will forward their reports early.

It is, however, a gratifying feature that the disposals have increased by 56 suits, being 1,990 against 1,934 in the previous year and the pendency has decreased from 811 to 750.

The rules regarding the custody, arrangement and distribution of records have to be strictly observed. It is only in the Districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Shimoga and Kadur, that the rules are reported to have been observed. The Deputy Commissioners of other Districts are once again requested to see that the rules are strictly enforced in all the courts.

Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to see that greater attention is paid by themselves and the Sub-Division Officers and Amildars in the matter of supervising the work of these courts and guiding the Village Munsiffs with a view to make these institutions more useful, popular and efficient.

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Secretary to Government,
General Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Working of the Stamp Department for the year 1930-31.

READ—

Letter No. Per 25—30-31, dated 1st October 1931, from the Commissioner of Stamps, forwarding the Annual Report on the working of the Stamp Department for the year 1930-31.

ORDER THEREON No. FL. 3377-87—ST. 15-31-3, DATED 13—14TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. There was a sharp decline in revenue from Rs. 22,17,542 of the previous year to Rs. 20,40,312 in the year under review. The decrease (Rs. 1,77,230) was mainly due to the fall in the sale of General and Hundi Stamps on account of unfavourable seasonal conditions, trade depression and tightness of the money market.

3. It is observed, that out of a total demand of Rs. 92,419 under institution fees awarded in pauper suits, a sum of Rs. 7,302 only was recovered and that the balance exclusive of remission granted yet to be recovered was Rs. 81,019. The Commissioner of Stamps is requested to issue necessary instructions for the prompt realization of all recoverable arrears.

4. Government note that the working of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Retrenchments in the Agricultural Department.

READ—

Recommendations of the Mysore Retrenchment Committee regarding retrenchments in the Agricultural Department.

2. Letter No. R. O. C. 2246—30-31, dated 1st October 1931, from the Director of Agriculture submitting proposals to effect savings in the grants provided in the Budget of 1931-32.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. R. O. C. 2246 of 30-31, dated 4th October 1931, from the Director of Agriculture on the subject.

ORDER NO. FL. 3410-12—G. F. 100-31-1, DATED 16—17TH NOVEMBER 1931.

The recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee made in their report contemplate a saving of Rs. 1,05,861 in the Agricultural Section, Rs. 1,81,375 in the Civil Veterinary Department and Rs. 4,510 in the Amrit Mahal Department.

2. The economies proposed are:—

Agricultural Section.

(1) Reduction of the scale of pay of the Head of the Department to Rs. 1,400.

(2) Replacement of the highly paid Head Quarter Deputy Director (Rs. 750—50—1,000) by an Office Assistant on a lower rate of pay.

(3) Abolition of the Financial Assistant to Director on pay (Rs. 250—25—450).

(4) Retrenchment of the Senior Artist (Rs. 100—20—200) plus Conveyance allowance of Rs. 20.

(5) Reducing one Assistant in each of the four Scientific Sections.

(6) Abolition of one of the Divisional Deputy Directors.

(7) Abolition of the Kar-Ragi Breeding Station.

(8) Winding up of the Nagenahalli Paddy Breeding Station.

(9) Closing the Agricultural School at Hassan.

(10) Reduction of grants under travelling allowances, contingencies and special charges, etc.

Civil Veterinary Department.

(11) Reducing the scale of pay of the Superintendent from Rs. 300—25—500 plus Personal Allowance of Rs. 100 to Rs. 250—25—450.

(12) Abolition of two Veterinary Divisions.

(13) Abolition of the charge allowance to Veterinary Inspectors in charge of Hospitals.

(14) Disbandment of the Mobile Corps for combating rinderpest.

(15) Reduction of grants under Cattle Breeding Station, Travelling Allowances, Contingencies, Scholarships, Serum Institute, Purchase of Serum, etc.

Amrit Mahal Department.

(16) Combination of the Offices of the Amrit Mahal Superintendent and Live Stock Expert.

(17) Reduction of travelling allowances, contingencies and special charges.

3. Some of these recommendations submitted in the form of interim resolutions of the Committee when the current year's budget was under preparation have already been accepted by Government with a few modifications and orders have been passed regarding items (3), (10), (14) (15) (16) and (17). A saving of Rs. 1½ lakhs has thus been effected out of Rs. 2,91,746 proposed by the Committee.

4. The rest of the items are dealt with as indicated below :—

5. Government observe that item No. (1) does not arise now. As regards the recommendations made for reduction of appointments and scales of pay under items (2), (5), (6) and (12), Government do not consider it possible to accept them at present. These suggestions will, however, be kept in view and be considered in due course as and when occasions arise.

6. As regards item (4), Government accept the opinion of the Director that the post of Junior Artist may be temporarily suspended as soon as the present incumbent is provided for elsewhere. Proposals in this behalf are awaited.

7. The Director considers that both the Kar Ragi Breeding Station at Hunsur and the Nagenahalli Paddy Breeding Station (items 7 and 8) are serving the Agricultural needs of certain important areas of the State and that it is most undesirable to abolish them. Government agree with him. The Director will, however, be requested to limit the expenditure on these stations to the absolute minimum possible.

8. As regards the closing of the Agricultural School at Hassan (item 9) which is financed partly by Government and partly by the District Board, Hassan, the question will be further examined in consultation with the Board.

9. The question of abolishing the charge allowance of Rs. 10 paid to each of the Veterinary Inspectors in direct charge of Hospitals (item 13) is under examination and separate orders will issue in the matter.

10. The Mobile Corps has been reduced from 6 units to 3 from 1st July 1931. The Director considers that the question of disbanding this staff altogether as recommended by the Committee (*vide item* 14) may be considered towards the end of the current official year as rinderpest outbreaks generally begin in December and extend up to March. Government accept the opinion of the Director.

11. In further consultation with the Director, Government have been able to effect savings in several other directions and the detailed proposals submitted by him are slightly modified and sanctioned as shown in the accompanying statements. They result in a net saving of Rs. 44,278 in the provisions made in the current year's Budget.

12. The total retrenchment effected in the expenditure of the Agriculture, Civil Veterinary and Amrit Mahal Departments is thus Rs. 1,95,478.

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